Explain Plumb Plan of

Nationalization.

From Future Disposition of

Roads, It Is Asserted.

Leaders of the fifteen organizations

Leader's Statement.

Call Demand Reasonable.

"In the matter of wages we have

"This, however, bears in no way

rectorate, we have no purpose of in-

timidation. We appeal to the states-manship of America and to the com-mon sense of American manhood and

Opposed to Beorganization.

Would Apply Plan to P. O.

Glenn E. Plumb, continuing his tes-imeny today before the House inter-

state commerce committee, declared that if the plan of the brotherhoods for control of the railroads were ap-plied to the Post Office Department

piled to the Post Office Department that government agency would be conducted with greater efficiency.

"The Post Office Department," Mr. Plumb said in reply to Representative Montague, democrat, Virginia, who wanted to know if it was the idea to divorce the railroads from politics. "Is the only great industry politically managed. I do not want to be understood as saving that it is not effi-

stood as saying that it is not effi-ciently managed. But I do believe the Post Office Department would show a higher rate of efficiency if operated under the democratic principles of this

TO DISCUSS LIVING COST

Representatives of Organizations in

24 States to Confer in Wash-

ington Monday.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., August 9,-

Representatives of farmers' organiza-

ions in twenty-four wheat and corn

FARMERS COMING HERE

Senator Hitchcock, democrat, Ne-

ALL IDEA OF THREAT

partite control."

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY **LAUNCHES INQUIRY** INTO LIVING COST

Will Have Co-Operation of Former D. C. Food Administration in Investigation.

SEEKS FOOD HOARDERS

Announces Instructions of Attorney General Regarding Law Violators Will Be Carried Out.

The District attorney's office today began investigation to find out if local dealers are hoarding foodstuffs or

District Attorney Laskey, who re-

"All that I can say at this time is that the instructions of the Attorney General to take up the food question will be carried out immediately. I do not want to go into details at this time, because I believe that the surest time, because I believe that the surest been ordered to assist district attor-

steed that they are highly enthusias-tic ever the plan to make the District the model city in the try-out of such laws as will eliminate present condi-tions.

Another Point Withheld. Asked if he intended to call on the

Department of Justice or the local lice for investigators to assist him. Mr. Laskey said that also was a question which he believed should German Workers Deny Employers not be given publicity in advance. He made it clear, however, that he intends to use all the facilities at his wide inquiry to bring down food

rected by Mr. Palmer to find out if
the Sherman anti-trust law, which
deals with combinations formed in
restraint of trade, is being violated
in Washington.

Se far as can be learned no afrests are likely to take place imother things, to elicit the facts, and if
selected by Mr. Palmer to find out if
loss to enable workers to earn a living. The minister, with the advices
of the plant owners, framed a series
of questions which will be submitted
to all employers of labor in Germany, and which-will aim, among
other things, to elicit the facts, and if rests are likely to take place im-mediately. It probably will require some days before the investigators will be in a position to say whether there are any violations warranting action.

BREWER DEMURRER UPHELD.

Court Holds Indictment Did Not Show 2.75 Beer Intoxicating.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., August 9 .-Judge B. F. Bledsoe of the United States district court yesterday sustained a demurrer to an indictment against Joseph Baumgartner, an effect of the Bakerfield Brewing Company, who was charged with selling 2.75 per cent beer in violation of the war-time prohibition measure. The demurrer was sustained on the prohibition of the war-time prohibition measure. ground that the indictment did not show that the beer was intoxicating.
According to Gordon Lawson, assistant United States district attorcase brought under the law the mem-hers of the jury must determine whether the liquor complained of is toxicating.

Threatens Secretary of Ireland. NEW YORK, August 9.—Demanding

of James Ian Macpherson, chief secretary of Ireland, that he immediately join in a request to the peace conference for appointment of a committee to investigate alleged British atrocities in Ireland, Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the American commission on Irish in ependence, has cabled the secretary threatening to attack his personal veracity in denying cruelty charges preferred by the American

CONGRESS READY TO ACT.

Republican Leader Mondell declared in the House today that Congress was ready to act promptly on such legislation as was needed to carry out the suggestions made yesterday by President Wilson for reducing the high cost of living.

TOUR MAY RESULT

AND PRICE BOOSTERS Possibility of President Taking Up Domestic Conditions With People.

SCRUTINY FOR PROFITEER

Domestic problems now facing the manipulating prices in violation of country may be taken up directly with the people by President Wilson during his forthcoming trip in the inturned to the city last night, said terest of the peace treaty. This was indicated today at the White House, where it also was said that plans for

All special agents of the Depart-ment of Justice over the country have been ordered to assist district attor-

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at correspondingly low prices. To the prices quoted by the War Depart-ment will be added parcels post charges from the nearest Army depot, which are to be paid by the pur-

SABOTAGE CHARGE PROBE.

Are Shutting Plants Arbitrarily. BERLIN, Friday, August 8 (by the command to carry out in Washing-ten the instructions of the Attorney General, who is conducting a nation-leading German industrial leaders for leading German industrial leaders for It is practically certain that one of radical independent newspapers have the first steps of the district attorney will be to see if section 6 of the food control act, which prohibits hoarding of foodstuffs, is being disregarded in the District. Section 7 of the food control act provides that where food the food control act provides that where food the food to the food to the provides that where food the food to the se District. Section .

ontrol act provides that where food s found to be held off the market the authorities shall have power to institute proceedings to get possesion of the goods and sell it at public auchorities and sell it at public auchor

How Farmers View Problem of H. C. L.

sabotage is proved that counter measures are desirable.

An authoritative interpretation of the view the American farmer takes of the present cost-of-living situation has been written for the Editorial Section of tomorrow's Sunday Star by the official spokesman of the National Grange, the world's largest organization of producing farmers.

It is not only an interesting but it is a necessary contribution to consideration of the question which during the present week has overshadowed all others.

To attempt solution of the problem without taking into account the farmer's viewpoint would be like trying to run with one leg chained to a stake,



these prices are materially lower than the prevailing market rates on commodities. Costs of the commodities to the government, the department stated, have been disconfided entirely in fixing the prices of sile.

The prices quoted are f. o. b. and from storage points in each of the thirteen districts into which the country of the districts of the country of the districts of the country of the c try is divided for War Department subsistence purposes. The depart-ment now is redistributing the food supplies in the thirteen areas in order that each may have its proportion per population of the seventy-two articles offered for public sale.

What Price Tables Include:

The price tables include the price per can or individual units in each case, and also the price per case or larger container. It also shows the gross weight per can and per case in order that the public may arrive at the price they will have to pay by adding parcel post rates from the nearest distribution point to the home of the consumer to the f. o. b. prices quoted. Municipal selling agencies of the larger cities will compute freight charges on these shipments to be added to the price quoted by the War Department. On the parcel post distribution, no orders will be received direct by the War Department, but only through the Post Office Department, which will requisition the supplies by case or larger package, the postmasters in turn breaking these shipments up into unit packages of a single can or several cans. gross weight per can and per case in order that the public may arrive at the

Sales to Municipalities.

Sales to municipalities at the new prices will begin as soon as the surplus property officers at the various zone supply offices and depots have received the quotations made public

The spartment emphasized that no change in the policy of sales to municipalities had been made, the only alteration being in prices. If a municipality is unable to buy or sell foodstuffs owing to its charter or local laws the department will ship to it upon consignment subsistence stores in not less than case or carton lots, the goods to be paid for or returned within thirty days from date of receipt. Shipments of this character, however, will be made only when the mayor or head of the local government either acts as the federal government's agent and supervises the distribution of the food or appoints some one so to act.

and Congress could not meet this re-quest the men would "have to try to find another solution." While the labor leaders did not mention the President's address to mention the President's address to Congress yesterday, it was the general belief that their statement resulted from his warning to the labor world that strikes would only make present conditions worse and that those who sought to employ threats or coercion were only "preparing their own destruction."

WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1919-TWENTY PAGES.

About 1,000 patrolmen and 100 deputy sheriffs are on duty in the vicinity of the stockyards.

President Martin Murphy of the stockyards labor council said the men would not return to work until every guard has been withdrawn and permission is granted labor organ-izers to unionize the 9,000 negroes employed at the plants.

Assert 36,500 Men Are "Out."

Union officials declared that of 43,-550 employed in the stockyards 36,500 are out, while the packers insist that not more than 10,000 are on strike. They reported that the plants of Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Morris & Co. and Wilson & Co. still are in operation, but admit they are not running more than 50 per cent of ca. ning more than 50 per cent of ca-

were withdrawn yesterday, following notice to Adjt. Gen. Dickson from the governor that such a request had been made by the mayor. It was made by the mayor. It was represented by Mayor Thompson to Gov. Lowden that the "black belt" was quiet, and, as no resumption of rioting was likely, the troops were not needed.

GERMAN MARKS DEPRECIATE

Drop in Switzerland From 125 to 33 Centimes, Lowest Point.

BERLIN, Friday, August 8 (by the associated Press).-German marks, the value of which has been steadily falling recently in neutral countries of receipt. Shipments of this character, however, will be made only when the mayor or head of the local government either acts as the federal government's agent and supervises the distribution of the food or appoints some one so to act.

Seventy-Two Staples Enumerated.

Although only seventy-two food staples are enumerated in the price list, the itemized quotations owing to the variety of packing are quite lengthy. Quotations on some of the leading commodities are:

Bacon, \$4.15 per can of 17 pounds; corned beef, 55 cents for can of 1.36 pounds; baked beans, 5 cents per can of 1½ pounds; sweet corn, 10 cents per 2½-pound can; dry beans, \$6.49 per 100 pounds; rockers, 5 and 6 cents a pound; Army flour, \$6 per 100 pounds; rockers, 5 and 6 cents a pound; Army flour, \$6 per 100 pounds; rockers, 5 and 6 cents a pound; Army flour, \$6 per 100 pounds; rockers, 5 and 6 cents a pound; Army flour, \$6 per 100 pounds; rockers, 5 and 6 cents a pound; rice, \$6.74 per 100 pounds; to cents per two pounds; rockers, 5 per 100 pounds; rockers, 5 per 1 surrounding Germany, reached their

minded man, and every intelligent housewife, will recognize the reasonableness of this request. If Congress and the President cannot meet this request, it is still a living question and we shall have to try to find another solution. upon our sponsorship of the Sims bill. We do hold to our conviction

1,100 Stay in Vicinity—La
Representatives of 500 Men that the railroad employee are in no mood to consign themselves finally to the autocratic control of financial dictators, but in proposing the elimination of capital and the tripartite di-

ers' Union, No. 36, representing more ability of American labor. What we hands. Will Not Appeal to Congress.

Capt. Edward F. O'Connor Capt. Edward F. O'Connor of No. 1 Engine Company, president of the union, declared that the union had the greatest confidence in the Com-missioners to handle the situation for a fair and equitable wage basis, and that there was no thought of going before Congress to ask the \$5 per day

Senator Hitchcock, democrat, Nebraska, announced that he was opposed to the plan of the railroad brotherhoods for reorganization of the railroads. Replying to an inquiry from brotherhood officials in Nebraska, Senators Hitchcock said:

"In my opinion Congress would not be justified in enacting such radical legislation without a mandate from the people. The railroad organizations have raised a very large question—one that should not be passed upon by Congress without becoming the issue in a general election. I am opposed to the bill." minimum.
The Commissioners at present are tied up with the police department's request for better wages for the men the firemen's wage proposition.
"We will not consider the fire de-"We will not consider the fire de-partment's wage basis until the po-licemen's pay increases are off our hands," declared Commissioner Brownlow this morning. "Then we will be able to give the matter our undivided attention."

Says No Strike Is Contemplated. "As far as I am aware," declared Capt. O'Connor, as president of the union, as he left the Commissioner's suite, "there is no strike contemplated nor is there any talk of such a thing. There is to be no meeting called for such a discussion. We will

place before the men at a meeting in the near future the present situation, and from opinions I have heard dis-cussed by many workers in the de-partment I am sure that not even a aint of any strike talk will be broach-"It is true that we want our salarie

increased to a fair and equitable basis at the earliest possible date and we are confident that the District Commissioners and the people of Washington for whom we work will find means of having that done in an orderly manner,"

HIDING KAISER STATUES.

Germans Fear Destruction of Memorials by the Poles.

tions in twenty-four wheat and corn growing states will attend a conference in Washington Monday morning to discuss the high cost of living and lay plans for united action in the high cost of living investigation, according to John G. Brown, president of the Indiana Federation of Farmers' Associations. Mr. Brown returned from Chicago yesterday, where he attended a meeting of farmers' representatives of Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, at which it was accided to call the meeting at Washington. THORN, Germany, July 17 (Correpondence of the Associated Press).-The Germans are carefully removing all bronse statues of former kalsers from Bromberg and Thorn lest the Poles destroy them on their arrival. The statue of Frederick the Great at Bromberg has already been taken to Schneidemuchl and re-erected there. That of William the Great will be removed in a few days, and the former kaiser's statue at Thorn will be taken from the market with a festival parade. The German govern-

tival parade. The German govern-

PARIS CLAIMS PERSHING RAILWAY WORKERS' GETS HURRY CALL HOME

PARIS, August 9 .- It is reported here that Gen. Pershing has been recalled suddenly to the United States and that he may even abandon his visit to King Albert of Belgium, plan-Fifteen Organization Heads ned for Sunday.

Secretary Baker was out of the city today, but at his office in the War De-partment it was said nothing was partment it was said nothing was known of the purported recall of Gen. Pershing, and it was suggested that questioners make inquiry at the office of Gen. March, chief of staff.

Maj. Swing, aid to Gen. March, showed the Paris dispatch to the latter who said he knew nothing of Gen. ter, who said he knew nothing of Gen. Pershing's having been recalled, and did not credit the report. TOWARD PUBLIC DENIED

LOCAL STRIKERS Question of Living Costs Aside REMAIN OBDURATE

of railroad employes united today in a "definite assertion" that they had Railway Shopmen Refuse to 'no desire, and have had none, to impress upon the public, by violence or Resume Work at Bidding of by threat," their proposal that the railroads be nationalized under "tri-Union Leaders. Declaring that the request of the men that living costs be reduced or their wages increased was aside from the question of the future disposition of the railroad problem, the labor leaders said that if President Wilson and Congress could not meet this re-

PRESIDENT IS UNHEEDED

Striking railroad shopmen here have refused to obey the orders of the railroad employes' department of the American Federation of Labor to return to work, and, despite the fact that shopmen on strike in other cities have heeded the orders, are still out. Refusal of the strikers to obey the

orders of the labor leaders or to heed the admonition of the President followed a two-hour conference between strikers and officials of the railroad employes' department of the federa-tion at Northeast Temple yesterday "To prevent any misunderstanding as to the policy of the organized rail-road employes," said the statement. "we united in a definite assertion that afternoon. Result of the action on the part of the strikers was to leave the local situation up in the air, no action being taken to carry into exwe have no desire and have had none to impress upon the public, by vio-lence or by threat, our proposal that ecution the orders to return to work pending determination of the issues between the men and the railroad administration.

the railroads be nationalized under tripartite control.

"Two distinctly separate considerations now confront the people, the wage requirements of the railroad employes and the Sims bill (embodying the railway employes' plan for reorganization of the railroads). Conditions in the local shops and yards and in Potomac yards remained practically the same today as yes-President's Advice Communicated.

Bert M. Jewell, acting president of the executive council and president of the railroad employes' department of the American Federation of Labor, and Jack Anderson, vice president of the International Association of Machinists, attended wasterday's constituted at the parade, it was stated, are to be the 5th and 6th Registrated. ubmitted an eminently just proposition. We have said that if we are to continue to live as Americans should ference, officially presenting President Wilson's letter to Director General Hines of the railroad administration, Mr. Hines letter to officials of erganas American families abould be cared for, the profiteers must be restrained and our wages increased. Every fairized railroad shop labor, and the official order of the railroad employes' department of the American Federation of Labor directing the strikers to return to work and call the strike

The same belligerent attitude that before characterized the attitude of the striking craftsmen and there was no disposition shown by the majority of the men to obey the order to return to work. The conference adjourned to meet again this afternoon at the same place at 2 o'clock, when it is hoped by the conservative element of the strikers and the officials of the internationals and American Federa-tion of Labor officials that the shopmen will realize the serious position in which they have placed themselves

and will agree to go back to work. Mr. Hines Caustically Criticised.

ally criticised for his attitude toward organized labor and the name of Presthe friend of the wage earners. It was to see the downtown section literall decided to put the strike situation up covered with red, white and blue an to President Wilson. Just how this was to be done no one seemed ready to explain. While the meeting was in people of the National Capital special the part they had in the his. message to the joint session of decisive phases of the world war." session President Wilson was reading his message to the joint session of Congress, pointing out possible solutions of the high cost of living prob-Vice President Anderson of the In-

ternational Association of Machinists appealel to the men to obey the order of the vested authority and call the strike off and get back to their jobs with all possible haste.
Officials of the American Federation of Labor said this morning that unless the local strikers quickly obey the order of the executive council of the railroad employes' department of the American Federation of Labor to end the strike at once they will place themselves persona non grata with organized labor, be declared outlaws, in insubordination to vested authority

and without the moral support of their international bodies, central labor unions and the American Federation of Labor. Not only will this result, but their charters will be revoked and they would thus be left without any connection or affiliation with the or-ganized trades union movement. Such in attitude, it was pointed out, would quickly bring the disapproval of pub-lic opinion and the strikers would not have a leg to stand on.

Officials Optimistic. However, the American Federation of

Labor officials, discussing the situation, express the belief that the local strikexpress the belief that the local strikers will this afternoon vote to obey the order to call the strike off and go back to work. The strike was called, officials of the American Federation of Labor say, without authority of the internationals of the four unions on strike and without the sanction of the railroad employes' department of the American Federation of Labor, which is the governing central body in such matters. It has been intimated that the men responsible for the calling of the atrike here and at other railroad terminals and divisional points will be dealt with severely by the international bodies.

with severely by the international bodies.

Business Agent Frazier of the striking machinists said this morning that there was no change in the situation; that the men had refused to obey the order to return to work and that they were still on strike, having at the mass meeting yesterday afternoon decided to disregard the mandate of the American Federation of Labor and their international officers and continue the strike, making an effort to put the matter up to President Wilson.

Another Meeting Called. Mr. Frasier said that there would

be another mass meeting this afternoon of the strikers, when the matter would

"DEVIL DOGS" WILL TUESDAY AT NO**o**n

TWO CENTS.

President Wilson Will Review Marines Who Fought at Chateau Thierry.

ALL CITIZENS URGED TO TURN OUT IN FORCE

Washington's Only Opportunity to See Men Who Played Such Big Part in War.

Survivors of the old 4th Brigade, U. S. M. C., of the 2d Division, the men who earned the sobriquet of "devil dogs" by their courage and daring at Chateau Thierry. Belleau wood and in other decisive battles that helped to bring the world war to a successful end, are to parade on Pennsylvania avenue Tuesday, when President Wilson is to review them. The parade is to be held between 12 and 2 o'clock. It is expected the column will pass the presidential reviewing stand at 12:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon

First Review by President. This will be the first occasion or

returning troops will have passed in review before the President. and, with the exception of District of Columbia units, the marines will be the first of the nation's victorious troops to parade in this city.

In the stand with the President, ac-In the stand with the President, according to announcement today, probably will be Maj, Gen. Barnett, commandant of the Marine Corps; Secretary of War Baker, Acting Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt and other officers and officials of the War and Navy departments. Maj. Gen. John A. Le Jeune probably will command the marching marines.

Change in Plan Made.

Announcement yesterday that parade or review of the returning marines would be held in Washington was countermanded today by Acting Secretary Roosevelt, who directed that

The units in the parade, it stated, are to be the 5th and 6th ments of the marines and the erh Machine Gun Battalion, U. S. M. C. The brigade paraded in New York yesterday, receiving an ovation second only to that accorded to the New York city troops some time ago. In New York they were reviewed by Assistant Secretary Boosavelt and other fields. ecretary Roosevelt and other officials

Appeal to D. C. Residents.

"Every resident of the District who can possibly do so should turn out to see the parade and review of what remains of the 4th Brigade of United States marines of the 2d Division Tuesday," said Robert N. Harper today.
"This will be Washington's first and

only opportunity to see the men who

had such a prominent part in turn-ing the tide of war against the Hun armies, and every man, woman and child in the District should take admen which they have placed themselves and which they have placed themselves and will agree to go back to work.

Mr. Hines Caustically Criticised.

Director General Hines was caustically criticised for his attitude toward rganized labor and the name of Presdent Wilson was lustily cheered as the friend of the wage earners. It was tecided to put the strike situation up to see the downtown section literally covered with red, white and blus and covered with red, white arrangements and details of plans for the parade and review are to be handled by Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, merchants and business men generally should make a lavish display of flags and bunting along the covered with red, white and blus and covered with red white and blus and covered with red white and covered with red white and blus and covered with red white and covered with red white and co

WANTS BRITAIN IN CHARGE.

U. S. Justice Brandeis Favors English Mandatory for Palestine. LONDON, August 8.-Louis D. Brandeis, associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, who is visiting London after a trip to Palestine, is sanguine for the mandatory power for Palestine being vested in Great Britain, with whose good offices he says he believes the development of the country into a Lewish opment of the country into a Jewish national home land will be success-

Mr. Brandeis says he expects America's contribution to this effort will be large in the point of money and administrative capacity and in a minor degree in population. He says Palestine is 'making a record recovery. He will depart for the United States August 30.

PROMISES TO INVESTIGATE State Department Informed of Al-

leged Affront to Abyssinians. ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., August 9 .-Conrad H. H. Topakyan, consul general for Persia at New York, who arrived here yesterday, announced that the State Department at Washington had assured him it would investi-gate the action of the National Democratic Club of New York in Democratic Club of New York in barring from its rooms Prince Dedajazmatch of Abyssinia.

He also said that the State Department had sent a wireless to the prince, who is now on his way home, expressing the regret of the United States government that his highness had met with any discourtesies while in this country. n this country.

Berlin-Munich Air Service Planned BERLIN, August 8 (by the Assoclated Press). Zeppelin airship service between Berlin and Munich will be inaugurated in the near future, says the Vossische Zeitung. It is expected that the journey will be covered in seven hours. The fare will

Labor May Launch Party. CHICAGO, August 9 .- A conference

be 300 marks.

ment will be asked to erect it elsewhere. Memorials of Bismarck and other German chiefs will also be removed from the bridge across the Vistula river.

London Bakers' Strike May End.

London